In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGs. 30A and 30 B are ~~is~~ a perspective view and a plan view, respectively, of the linear photoconductor of the proposed lighting apparatus. As shown in FIGs. 30A and 30B, light emitted by the LEDs 112a, 112b is reflected on the light reflection portions 120 formed on the back side, i.e., the reflection side of the linear photoconductor 114. The light linearly emitted from the emission side of the linear photoconductor 114 is transformed to plane light by the plane photoconductor 116 and emitted from the plane of the plane photoconductor 116.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIGs. 30A and 30B are, respectively, ~~is~~ a perspective view and a plan view of the linear photoconductor of the proposed lighting apparatus.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The lighting apparatus according to a first embodiment of the present invention will be explained with reference to FIGs. 1A to 6. FIG. 1A is a perspective view of the

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lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment. FIG. 1B is a plan view of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment. FIGs. 2A and 2B are ~~is~~ plan views of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment, which show a constitution of the lighting apparatus. FIG. 2A is a plan view of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment, which shows the constitution of the lighting apparatus. FIG. 2B is a view showing tilt angles of light reflection portions of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment. FIG. 3 is a diagrammatic view showing relationships between the human eyes and a display screen. FIG. 4 is a plan view which takes into consideration of refractive indexes, etc. in the air. FIG. 5 is a graph of examples of the tilt angles of the light reflection portions of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment. FIG. 6 is a graph of a light intensity distribution of the lighting apparatus according to the present embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Strictly, as shown in FIG. 4, ~~unless~~if a distance ΔL between the linear photoconductor 14, and the LEDs 12a, 12b is not 0 mm, an optical path is deflected because a refractive index N_a in the air is different from a refractive index N_g in the linear photoconductor. However, the deflection of the optical path due to such factor is ignorable in giving tilt angles $\theta(n)$ of the planes of the light reflection portions 20. To simplify the

calculation formulas, influences of such factor are ignored here to give the calculation formulas.